

1) The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

The oath or declaration is defective because:
Non-initialed and/or non-dated alterations have been made to the oath or declaration. See 37 CFR 1.52(c).

The post office address for inventor Jorg Lehmann was changed without being initialed and dated. The residence and post office address for Heiko Grunberg were changed without being initialed and dated.

2) The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3) Claims 25-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

In claim 25, the subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention (i.e. the new matter) is "a strip of material having first and second longitudinal ends and an overall area corresponding at least to said predetermined area of said substrate" (emphasis added). Page 6 of the original disclosure describes the material strip having approximately the dimensions of the substrate instead of the material strip

having an overall area corresponding at least to said predetermined area of said substrate. The original disclosure does not, for example, teach using a material strip having an overall area three times the predetermined area of the substrate.

- 4) The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

- 5) Claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 27 (indirectly dependent on claim 25) is indefinite because claim 25 recites "being releasably connected" (emphasis added) whereas claim 27 recites "for releasably attaching" (emphasis added). In claim 27 line 3, it is suggested to change "for releasably attaching" to --and releasably connected--.

- 6) The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: Incorporation of lines 10-27 of claim 25 into the specification. It is noted that incorporation of lines 10-27 of claim 25 into the specification would **not** constitute new matter. The subject matter of lines 10-27 of claim 25 is reasonably conveyed by the original disclosure when read as a whole and particularly in light of Figure 4, the description of "projecting remaining portion" on page 5 line 13 of the original specification and the description on lines 11-18 of page 6 of the original specification.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

7) **Claims 25-30 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112 set forth in this Office action.**

REMARKS

8) Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 25-30 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

With respect to applicant's description on page 1 of the response filed 5-27-10 of the interview on 5-25-10, examiner comments: "INTERVIEW RECORD OK".

9) Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

10) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven D. Maki whose telephone number is (571) 272-1221. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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